

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOYER) of the House:

H.R. 1216. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for her purposes.

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2570. An act to make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1834. An act to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

H.R. 4169. An act to authorize the placement in Arlington National Cemetery of an American Braille tactile flag in Arlington National Cemetery honoring blind members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and other Americans.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 289. Concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 99th anniversary.

At 6:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4137. An act to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5478. An act to provide for the continued minting and issuance of certain \$1 coins in 2008.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING RECESS

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 19, 2008, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOYER) had signed the following enrolled bills:)

H.R. 1216. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4137. An act to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5478. An act to provide for the continued minting and issuance of certain \$1 coins in 2008.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 289. Concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 99th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1834. An act to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2665. A bill to extend the provisions of the Protect America Act of 2007 until July 1, 2009.

S. 2664. A bill to extend the provisions of the Protect America Act of 2007.

S. 2663. A bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5117. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and

Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Add *Mau-rinitius* to the List of Regions Where African Swine Fever Exists" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0151) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5118. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Add Portion of Los Angeles County, CA, to the List of Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0004) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5119. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly; Designation of Portion of San Diego County, CA, as a Quarantined Area" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0005) received on February 20, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5120. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's 2008 compensation program adjustments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5121. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carfentrazone-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8349-4) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5122. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mesotrione; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8349-7) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5123. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Formetanate Hydrochloride; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8343-6) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5124. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a public-private competition that was completed at the Defense Logistics Agency on July 26, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5125. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a public-private competition that was conducted at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5126. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Equity Conversion Mortgages: Determination of Maximum Claim Amount; and Eligibility for Discounted Mortgage Insurance Premium for Certain Refinanced HECM Loans" (RIN2502-AI49) received on February 15, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5127. A communication from the Secretary of the Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to